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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the Utility patent application of:

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FOR: FLUID CONTROL VALVE

Enclosed are:

- ☒ 5 sheets of ☐ formal ☐ informal drawings.
- ☒ A Request for Priority to claim priority date of February 25, 2003.
- ☒ An Unexecuted Declaration.
- ☒ An Information Disclosure Statement with PTO Form 1449
- ☒ The filing fee is calculated as shown below:

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**REQUEST FOR PRIORITY
UNDER 35 U.S.C. §119
AND THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION**

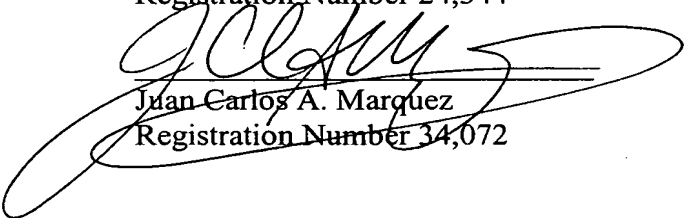
Sir:

In the matter of the above-captioned application for a United States patent, notice is hereby given that the Applicant claims the priority date of February 25, 2003, the filing date of the corresponding Japanese patent application 2003-047820.

The certified copy of corresponding Japanese patent application 2003-047820 will be submitted as soon as it is received from applicant. Acknowledgment of receipt of the certified copies is respectfully requested in due course.

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